

cross-sections of the first recess (11) parallel to the printing face (3), when projected perpendicularly on the printing face (3), lie within the aperture (15), and a third recess (13) with an aperture (17) in the printing face (3) is present in the stamp body (5),

which recess (13) has cross-sections parallel to the printing face (3) and becomes substantially narrower as its distance to the printing face (30) increases, said cross-sections, when projected perpendicularly on the printing face (3), lying within the aperture (17),

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the aperture (17) of the third recess (13) and the aperture (15) of the first recess (11) each have a dimension in a first direction in the printing face (3), and

said dimension of the aperture (17) of the third recess (13) is at least five times the dimension of said aperture (15) of the first recess (11).

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5. (Amended) A stamp (10) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said dimension of the aperture (17) of the third recess (13) is at least twenty times said dimension of the aperture (15) of the first recess (11).

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6. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a stamp (10) for use in a lithographic process, which stamp (10, 110) has a stamp body (5,